

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and

**WHEREAS**, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology, such as the Internet and cell phones; and

**WHEREAS**, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

**WHEREAS**, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems, and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and

**WHEREAS**, children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors, and children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, and intimidated (Governor's Proclamation Proclaiming October Kansas Bullying Prevention Month);

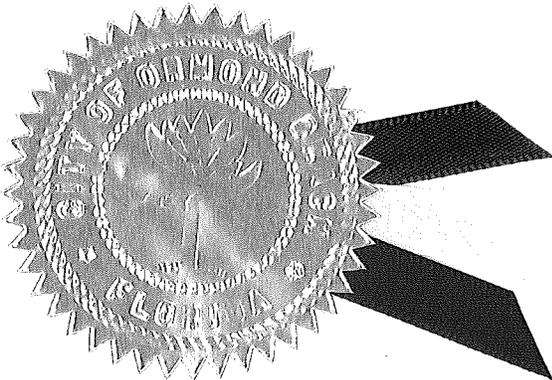
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2014, as

## NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge students, parents and citizens to be encouraged to connect, empower, and transform schools, recreation programs, religious institutions, and community organizations to engage in a variety of bullying awareness and prevention activities.

Consequently, we express our deep appreciation to "U" Uniquely "U" Inc., a local non-profit anti-bullying organization, and its Founder and CEO Jacqueline Waters, for undertaking and successfully executing objectives relative to combating challenges associated with bullying prevention.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen.



*Ed Kelley*  
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Mayor